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Governor Perdue Announces April Revenue Collections

ATLANTA, GA – Governor Sonny Perdue announced today that revenue collections for the month of April 2004 (FY04) totaled \$1,109,030,000 compared to \$940,181,000 for April 2003 (FY03), an increase of \$168,849,000 or 18.0%.

“An improving economy, better management, and more efficient collection processes are having a positive impact on state revenues,” said Governor Sonny Perdue. “Commissioner Graham and his team are doing an excellent job managing the Department of Revenue. Their hard work is paying off for the people of Georgia.”

Governor Perdue cautioned that the year-to-date increase over 2003 is still only 7.6% and that this month’s increase should not be used as a reason to anticipate spending. “We’re still digging out of a pretty deep hole. We are going to remain cautious and conservative.”

The 2003 General Assembly passed legislation, House Bill 43, which included a provision allowing the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) to accelerate the collection of withholding taxes on a timetable more consistent with the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This provision went into effect April 1, 2004. DOR was successful in collecting all of the withholding taxes from March and the first three weeks of April resulting in an additional \$202,000,000 in revenue. Under the previous system, these taxes would not have been paid until May. The addition of this revenue brings the monthly increase of April FY04 compared to April FY03 to \$370,849,000 or 39.4%.

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“We will continue to be good stewards of the state’s resources by managing our revenues in a responsible manner, directing more resources to education, and building our reserves. Georgia’s Triple A bond rating is critical to our sound financial footing and we must continue to do everything in our power to maintain it,” concluded Governor Perdue.

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Comparative Net Revenue Collections
(unaudited - 000's)

		For the Month Ended		\$ Change	% Change
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		April 2003 (FY 2003)	April 2004 (FY 2004)		
Sales Tax - General		394,965	437,240	42,275	10.7%
Motor Fuel – Gal. & Sales		56,313	61,281	4,968	8.8%
Income Tax - Individual		385,055	495,307	110,252	28.6%
Income Tax - Corporate		77,557	70,965	(6,592)	-8.5%
Tobacco Taxes		8,186	20,334	12,148	148.4%
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes		11,642	11,442	(200)	-1.7%
Estate Tax		2,194	5,812	3,618	164.9%
Property Tax		3,177	2,020	(1,157)	-36.4%
Total Taxes		939,089	1,104,401	165,312	17.6%
Other Revenues:					
Peace Officer Training		1,821	1,827	6	0.3%
Other Fees and Sales		(729)	2,802	3,531	484.4%
Total Regulatory Fees & Sales		1,092	4,629	3,537	323.9%
Sub-Total		940,181	1,109,030	168,849	18.0%
Income Tax - HB 43 Withholding					
Acceleration		-	202,000	202,000	N/A
Net Revenue		940,181	1,311,030	370,849	39.4%

		Year-to-date		\$ Change	% Change
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		FY 2003	FY 2004		
Sales Tax - General		4,004,324	4,145,224	140,900	3.5%
Motor Fuel Tax – Gals. & Sales		403,789	473,021	69,232	17.1%
Income Tax - Individual		4,940,845	5,235,734	294,889	6.0%
Income Tax - Corporate		377,106	375,194	(1,912)	-0.5%
Tobacco Taxes		76,801	164,861	88,060	114.7%
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes		110,267	117,422	7,155	6.5%
Estate Tax		68,180	47,140	(21,040)	-30.9%
Property Tax		55,993	60,509	4,516	8.1%
Total Taxes		10,037,305	10,619,105	581,800	5.8%
Other Revenues:					
Peace Officer Training		17,629	18,453	824	4.7%
Other Fees and Sales		75,993	63,602	(12,391)	-16.3%
Total Regulatory Fees & Sales		93,622	82,055	(11,567)	-12.4%
Sub-Total		10,130,927	10,701,160	570,233	5.6%
Income Tax - HB 43 Withholding					
Acceleration		-	202,000	202,000	N/A
Net Revenue		10,130,927	10,903,160	772,233	7.6%

1. FY 2004 comparative report has changed. Current year totals are reported on the right of prior year.
2. Totals do not include Insurance Premium Tax and Fees and Motor Vehicle License Taxes.
3. Major tax categories are reported. Other taxes and fees are included in "Other Fees and Sales".
4. Other Fees and Sales include taxes that have been deposited in the bank, but the returns have not been processed. It also includes unclaimed property and children's trust fund.
5. Prior to March 2004, the 3% 2nd motor fuel tax was reported as Sales Tax - General. Effective March 2004, the 3% 2nd motor fuel tax is reported as Motor Fuel Tax. All historical sales tax and motor fuel tax collection information in this press release has been reclassified for comparability purposes.